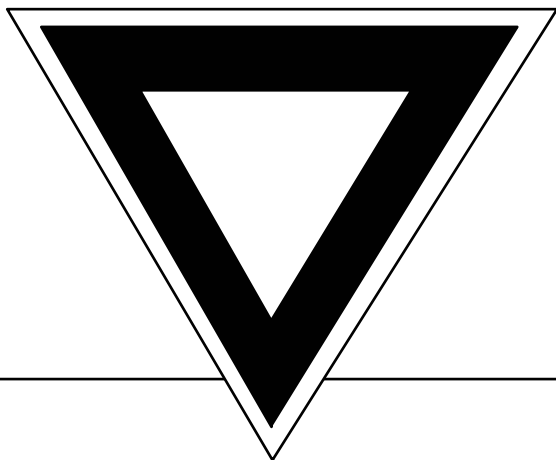


# POISON CONTROL INFORMATION

## THIS YEAR ALONE

- 3-4 million people will be poisoned accidentally
- **about 5000 will die of poisoning**, thousands more will be disabled
- of these, about **3000 will be children under 6** and too young to read warnings
- more than 4000 deaths - **80 per cent of all cases - could be prevented you alone can prevent poisoning**



## SIGNS TO WATCH FOR IN CASE OF POISONING

- drowsiness
- coma
- slow, shallow breathing
- slow pulse rate
- vomiting
- ringing in the ears
- severe burns to lips, mouth
- convulsions
- dehydration

Whenever any of these signs appear-call your doctor or nearest Poison Control Center. **Do not delay!** Death may only be a matter of time if you hesitate.

## IN CASE OF POISONING

1. remove any remaining substance from mouth or skin
2. call your physician or poison control center **at once** and report-
  - a. age and weight of the victim
  - b. what was taken (have the product and label in hand)
  - c. how much was taken
  - d. how long ago
  - e. any signs or symptoms present
  - f. any first aid performed
  - g. your name and phone number
3. follow instructions closely

## NUMBERS TO CALL IN CASE OF POISONING

physician\_\_\_\_\_

### **Carolinas Poison Center:**

(in Charlotte) **355-4000**

(out of Charlotte) toll free:

**1-800-848-6946**

ambulance service\_\_\_\_\_

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